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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Attorney Docket No. MSFT116596

TRANSMITTAL LETTER

October 30, 2001

TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:

Transmitted herewith for filing by Express Mail is the complete patent application of Mark J. Finocchio, entitled SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR IMPLEMENTING A DEPENDENCY BASED PROPERTY SYSTEM WITH COALESCING, executed on October 29, 2001. This application claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/244,286, filed October 30, 2000.

1. An application for patent consisting of 32 pages of specification, including the claims and Abstract of the Disclosure, and 11 sheets of drawings is attached.

2. A Declaration and Power of Attorney is attached.

3. An Assignment of the invention to Microsoft Corporation is enclosed, together with a Recordation Cover Sheet in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 3.31 and our check including the amount of \$40.00 to cover the recordation fee. Please record this Assignment in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 3.11.

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	Number Filed	Number Extra	Rate	
Basic Fee				740
Total Claims	48 - 20	= 28	x 18	= 504
Independent Claims	3 - 3	= 0	x 84	= 0
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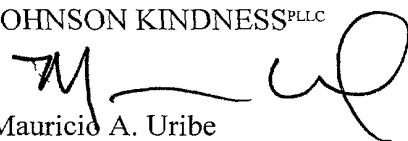
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